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Dear Colonel,

With reference to your letter of November 19, the article regarding alleged misbehaviour of British soldiers in China, which appeared in the China Times of May 27,1929 and was reproduced three days later in the China Critic, is a copy of a manifesto issued by the Shanghai District Kuomingtang which is notoreius for conducting anti-foreign propaganda. There is nothing significant in the fact that this article appeared in the China Times, as it was also published in the other important Chinese daily papers, including the Sin Wan Pao, the Shun Pao, the Eastern Times and Minkuopao on the same day. Owing to the dread of Kuomingtang reprisals in the shape of a mail ban or boycott against them, these papers publish Kuomintang matter, which is for the most part trash, without question. As for the China Critic, its policy is to uphold Kuomintang ideals and opinions, and naturally anti-foreign articles are welcome to its columns. There is evidence that the article was instigated by disgruntled foreigners and its style throughout is typical Kuomintang hysteria.

The China Times, 162 Shantung Road, may be reckoned next in importance to the Sin Wan Pao and Shun Pao(the two biggest Chinese dailies) and while articles advocating the abolition of extraterritoriality and enlarging on the misdeeds of foreigners, appear in its columns from time to time, its policy may be said to be one of impartiality or as near to it as one can expect of a Chinese paper in these times when an editor with a mind of his own is shortlived. The staff of this paper is as under :-

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Yours sincerely,

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H.B.M. Consulate-General.

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Officer-in-Charge
of Special Branch.

Translation of an article appearing in the "Shun Pao", "Sin Wan Pao", "China Times", "Eastern Times" and "Min Kuo Pao" of May 27, 1929:

The Shanghai District Kuomintang has issued the the following manifesto on the subject of the fatal assault on Chang Yoh Liang by British soldiers on Singapore Road:

"Judging by the atrocious act of British soldiers in assaulting Chang Yoh Liang to death we are convinced t that the British soldiers are regarding Chinese as slaves and their country as an annexed nation. They are insulting Chinese in a reckless manner and killing Chinese freely. This is an unprecedented disgrace to the Chinese people. We do not want to enumerate all the atrocious acts that have been committed by British soldiers in China. They have now dared to commit another fatal assault, this time on one Chang Yoh Liang. This case does not concern the Chinese people in Shanghai only, butit affects the entire population of China. We have requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to demand that an apology be tendered, that the family of the victim be compensated, that the assailants be dealt with severely and that British soldiers in Shanghai be withdrawn.

"In view of the seriousness of the case we earnestly hope that people throughout the country will make preparations to support our Government inthis case. We must strive for the abolition of unequal treaties, the restoration to China of the foreign settlements, and the abolition of consular jurisdiction in order to secure true independence for China. So long as consular jurisdiction remains unabolished the rights of the Chinese people will be left unprotected and so long as foreign settlements and unequal treaties are in existence the atrocious acts of all imperialists in China can never be checked. Imperialism can not be overthrown unless we succeed in abolishing the unequal treaties, securing the restoration of the foreign settlements, and abolishing consular jurisdiction. We want to impress on the revolutionary people in Shanghai that at the present time when negotiations are being conducted by the Government we should in no way allow ourselves to be misled by reactionary elements to do anything to cause the negotiations to result in failure. We should realize that many diplomatic cases have failed because of the activities of reactionary elements. Now in dealing with the present case of fatal assault on Chang Yoh Liang, we should work with one accord and under the guidance of the Shanghai District Kuomintang. In order to secure success for the negotiations over the Chang Yoh Liang case and to secure equality and freedom all the people should render assistance in the case and check the activities of the reactionary elements."

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H.B.M.Consulate-General, 667
Shanghai. 20.11.29
19th November 1929.

My dear Aiers,

An article on the alleged misbehaviour of British soldiers in China appeared in the "China Times" of the 27th May 1929 and was later reproduced in the "China Critic" of the 30th May 1929. Have you any information as to the authorship of these articles? It is known that Agnes Smedley has sent similar articles to the Free Press of India and the authorities in India therefore suggest that she was possibly responsible for the effusion in the "China Times". I should be grateful also if you would kindly let me have brief reports on both the "China Times" and the "China Critic".

Yours sincerely,

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For attention please
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